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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, KE, UG, ECON

SUBJECT: GOK OFFICIAL ON STATUS OF KENYA/UGANDA CROSSBORDER  
SHIPMENTS

REF: STATE 193587

1. IN COURSE OF AUGUST 5 CALL AT DEFENSE MINISTRY, DCM  
QUERIED PERMSEC KIEREINI ON QUESTIONS SET FORTH REFTEL.  
WHILE KIEREINI WAS UNABLE TO GIVE SPECIFIC PERCENTAGES  
OR QUANTITIES, HE PROVIDED FOLLOWING INFORMATION.

2. KIEREINI CLAIMED THAT SHIPMENTS OF NONSTRATEGIC  
GOOD (I.E., EXCLUDING MUNITIONS, ARMAMENTS, AVIATION  
FUEL) WERE BEING PERMITTED TO GO TO UGANDA AT "NORMAL"  
RATES. HOWEVER, UNAVAILABILITY OF DRIVERS TO TRUCK GOODS  
INTO UGANDA WAS IN FACT RESTRICTING DELIVERES BELOW NORMAL  
AS SHIPMENTS BY TRUCK ACCOUNTED FOR "SUBSTANTIAL" PORTION  
OF TOTAL MOVED BY RAIL AND ROAD. THIS, HOWEVER, WAS NOT  
A "BLOCKADE."

3. AS FOR AVIATION FUEL, KIEREINI SAID THAT (AS  
EMBASSY HAD PREVIOUSLY REPORTED) GOK CONTINUES TO  
RESTRICT DELIVERIES AND PERMITS DELIVERIES ONLY BY  
TRAIN. HOWEVER, RECENTLY TWO "ENTERPRISING" ASIAN  
FIRMS HAD BEGUN TO "SMUGGLE" AVIATION FUEL INTO  
UGANDA BY TRUCK. HE IMPLIED THAT GOK WOULD BE  
TAKING ACTION TO STOP THESE SHIPMENTS.

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4. HE SAID KENYAN DRIVERS DEFINITELY UNWILLING TO DRIVE TRUCKS INTO UGANDA OUT OF FEAR OF BEING ROBBED OR EVEN KILLED. HOWEVER, THERE HAVE BEEN A FEW WHO HAVE BEEN WILLING TO TAKE THESE RISKS IN EXCHANGE FOR LARGE SUMS OF MONEY.

5. RAIL SHIPMENTS ARE MADE BY KENYAN-OPERATED TRAINS ONLY AS FAR AS MALABA ON BORDER. AT THAT POINT, TRAINS ARE TAKEN OVER BY UGANDAN PERSONNEL WHO TAKE THEM TO DESTINATION WITHIN UGANDA AND SUBSEQUENTLY RETURN THEM TO MALABA.

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